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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WHITE PARTIES CONDEMN DELAY; BOTHA'S BRIEF  
COMMENT ON MEETING WITH FIVE

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AND WINDHOEK SOURCES, DTA  
LEADER DIRK MUDGE YESTERDAY (MAY 17) INTRODUCED A MOTION  
IN THE WHITE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONDEMNING SWAPO'S  
"DELAYING TACTICS" AND FAILURE TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN PROPOSAL,  
AND ENDORSING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY  
FORCES. INTRODUCING THE MOTION, MUDGE REPORTEDLY SAID SWAPO  
HAS HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL AND COME  
TO A DECISION AND IT IS LOOKING FOR EXCUSES TO DELAY. HE

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REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED REGRET THAT ALTHOUGH THE WESTERN INITIATIVE  
BEGAN MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, THE OUTCOME WAS STILL UNCERTAIN.  
"SWAPO HAS PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY NO OTHER POLITICAL PARTY  
ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD," MUDGE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, BUT IT  
COULD NOT EXPECT TO GO UNPUNISHED IF IT STRUCK ACROSS THE  
BORDER INTO OVAMBO.

2. MUDGE'S MOTION WAS AMENDED BY NATIONAL PARTY LEADER A. H. DU PLESSIS TO ADD: (A) A STATEMENT THAT SWAPO IS NOT THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA; (B) THAT THE WEST IS MORALLY BOUND TO STAND BY ITS PROPOSAL; AND (C) A CALL ON SOUTH AFRICA TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS IF THE WESTERN PLAN IS NOT SOON IMPLEMENTED. THE AMENDED RESOLUTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE ASSEMBLY.

3. COMMENT: MUDGE'S STATEMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH RELATIVELY MILD, ARE THE FIRST PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS SINCE THE ANGOLAN OPERATION OF DTA AND AKTUR PRESSURE ON THE SAG FOR EARLY MOVEMENT. END COMMENT.

4. IN CAPE TOWN, MEANWHILE, PIK BOTHA DECLINED TO COMMENT TO THE PRESS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS MAY 17 MEETING WITH THE CAPE TOWN CONTACT GROUP (CAPE TOWN 988). HE DID REPORTEDLY SAY THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE IN THE WESTERN PROPOSAL, AND ADDED "WE'RE STILL IN BUSINESS."  
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